

REMARKS**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant respectfully appreciate the careful consideration and favorable treatment of the present application in which claims 15 and 16 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 15 into independent form and therefore, based on the Examiner's comments, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 15 should be allowed. Claim 16 depends from claim 15 and therefore should be allowed.

Amendments to Dependent Claims

Applicant has amended claims 14 and 18-21 so that these claims depend from what should now be an allowable independent claim 15 as amended.

Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments should be entered since they require no further consideration and/or searching by the Examiner since these claims depend from what should be an allowed claim and also have been previously before the Examiner.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 11-14, 19 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Niwa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,213,112).

This ground of rejection is moot in view of the present amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Niwa et al.

Claims 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Niwa et al. in view of Neubauer et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0068942).

These grounds of rejection are moot in view of the present amendment.

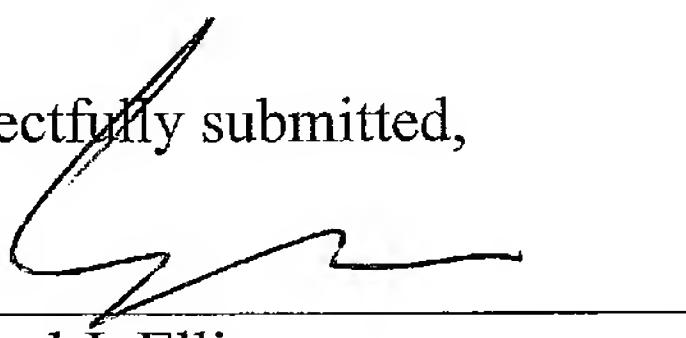
Applicant believes that the present communication is fully responsive and addresses each issue raised by the Examiner in the Office Action.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

It is believed that no fees are due or all fees have been paid; however, if the Patent Office believes that additional fees are due, the Patent Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-4570 up to \$800.00.

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